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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENT HEEREMAN, GERMAN FARMERS  
ORGANIZATION, TO THE UNITED STATES

1. THE MAY 18 EDITION OF THE VWD PUBLICATION "EUROPA" CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING TWO ARTICLES ATTRIBUTED TO THE GERMAN FARMERS UNION AND ITS PRESIDENT, FREIHERR HEEREMAN, BOTH OF WHICH WILL BE OF POSSIBLE INTEREST WHEN HEEREMAN VISITS WASHINGTON, D. C. FOR DISCUSSIONS LATER THIS WEEK. THE ARTICLES ARE TRANSLATED IN FULL AS FOLLOWS:

2. "GERMAN FARMERS UNION TALKS OF FAILURES RE SHIFT TO BEEF PRODUCTION. ON MAY 17, THE GERMAN FARMERS UNION BLAMED THE EC MINISTERIAL COUNCIL AND THE EC COMMISSION FOR FAILURES IN SHIFTING FROM MILK TO BEEF PRODUCTION. IF THE DM 1.2 BILLION, WHICH NOW MUST BE PAID FOR REDUCING THE PRICE OF THE 200,000 M. T. OF STORAGE BUTTER TO THE USSR, HAD BEEN ALLOCATED FOR THE SHIFT IN TIME, ONE WOULD HAVE BEEN IN POSITION TO PAY DM 1,500 PER COW IN ORDER TO REPLACE 770,000 MILK COWS

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WITH BEEF ANIMALS. ACCORDING TO CALCULATIONS, THESE 770,-  
000 MILK COWS HAVE PRODUCED 200,000 M. T. OF BUTTER IN  
TWO YEARS. AS EARLY AS 1968 THE GERMAN FARMERS UNION  
HAD MADE A PROPOSAL FOR ADJUSTMENT OF MILK SUPPLIES TO  
DEMAND.

3. " THE FAILURES OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL AND THE  
COMMISSION HAVE MATERIALLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE CREATION OF  
THE SERIOUS MARKET IMBALANCE. ACCORDING TO THE FARMERS  
UNION, ESPECIALLY THE PRICE GUARANTEES AND PREMIMUNS  
FOR BEEF ARE TOO LOW."

4. " HEEREMAN ADVOCATES WORLD- WIDE AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENTS  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN FARMERS UNION, CONSTANTIN  
FREIHERR HEEREMAN, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE GERMAN RADIO,  
ADVOCATED WORLD- WIDE AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENTS FOR WORLD-  
WIDE CONTROL OF THE FLOW OF TRADE. THIS SHOULD NOT ONLY  
CONCERN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE EC AND THE USA,  
BUT ALSO SHOULD INCLUDE THE USSR AND CHINA. REGARDING  
HIS UPCOMING TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES, HEEREMAN STATED  
HE WOULD EXPLAIN THAT HIS ASSOCIATION ALSO SUPPORTS  
'LIBERALIZATION OF WORLD TRADE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE'. FIRST  
OF ALL, HOWEVER, ONE WOULD HAVE TO EXAMINE WHERE PROTECT-  
IONISM IS TO BE ELIMINATED, ALSO IN THE UNITED STATES."

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: AS INDICATED IN THE FIRST ARTICLE  
REGARDING BEEF PRODUCTION, THE FARMERS ORGANIZATION HAS  
SUPPORTED CONTROLS ON MILK PRODUCTION IN THE EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, WE KNOW OF NO CORRESPONDING MAJOR  
PROPOSALS OR ACTIVITIES TO EXPAND BEEF PRODUCTION.  
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